

REMARKS

Responsive to a Restriction Requirement dated June 16, 2004, applicants file herewith their election of Group V, claims 7-9, drawn to compounds of formula (I).

Accordingly, claims 1-6, 10, and 11 are canceled without prejudice to pursuit of this subject matter in a later filed application claiming the benefit of priority of the present application. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a typographical error in the chemical formula recited therein. See, for example, page 2, line 24, of the specification, has support for this correction. Finally, claims 12-26 have been added. Claims 7-9 and 12-26 are therefore pending in the application.

Claims 12 and 13 are directed to a method of synthesizing a polyorganosilane polymer of claim 7. Support for new claims 12 and 13 can be found in page 2, line 22, to page 3, line 11, of the specification. Claims 14 and 15 are directed to methods of retarding fire using a polyorganosilane polymer of claims 7 and 9, respectively. Support for new claims 14 and 15 can be found in page 4, lines 12-14, and page 11, lines 7-9, of the Specification. Claims 16, 17, and 18 are directed to a method of controlled drug delivery, a method of delivering bio-implants, and a method of tissue engineering, using the polyorganosilane polymer of claim 7. Support for new claims 16-18 can be found, for example, in page 5, lines 1-5; and page 10, line 25, to page 11, line 10, of the specification. Claims 19 and 20 are directed to a packaging material and a thermal insulator comprising the polyorganosilicone polymer of claim 7. Support for new claims 19 and 20 can be found in page 11, lines 7-9, of the specification. Claims 21 is directed to an antioxidant agent comprising the polyorganosilicone polymer of claim 7 and free phenolic groups. Support for new claim 21 can be found in page 11, lines 9 and 10, of the specification. Claims 22 and 23 are directed to a photovoltaic and biosensor device comprising the polyorganosilicone polymer of claim 7 and conjugated polymers. Support for new claims 22 and 23 can be found in page 11, lines 11-13, of the specification. Claims 24-26 are directed to specific R, R', R'', A, and B groups and specific integral values for x, y, and n. These claims are supported by original claim 7, and throughout the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that new claims 12-26 be examined concurrently with elected claims 7-9, and be allowed.

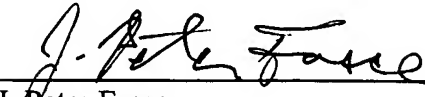
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